



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION NO. 42 KBB 2005

#### *SPECIAL ELECTION - SECRETARY OF STATE*

**WHEREAS,** a vacancy exists in the office of Secretary of State, due to the death of the Honorable W. Fox McKeithen on July 16, 2005; and

**WHEREAS,** La. Const. Art. IV §16 mandates that the governor shall call a special election to fill the vacancy in a statewide elective office other than that of governor or lieutenant governor where the unexpired term exceeds one (1) year in accordance with the next regular scheduled congressional or statewide dates for election;

**NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** A special primary and a special general election shall be held throughout the state of Louisiana, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State to fill the vacancy in the office.

**SECTION 2:** Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for said office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by R.S. 18:461, *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*, during the period commencing on Wednesday, August 9, 2006, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2006.

**SECTION 3:** The special elections shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*

**SECTION 4:** The primary election shall be held on Saturday, September 30, 2006, and the general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, at the times and places, and in the manner, prescribed by law.

**SECTION 5:** The secretary of state, parish board of supervisors, clerk of court, registrar of voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections throughout the jurisdiction of the state of Louisiana, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct said special elections, to cause the returns thereof to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results thereof, and to perform all related and incidental functions thereto.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of July, 2005.

**/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco**  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY**  
**THE GOVERNOR**

**/S/ Alan Ray Ater**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**